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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, as the first sentence following the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/621,542, filed July 21, 2000, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.